

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES- RECORDED BY BONNIE KANE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008
TIVERTON TOWN HALL, 7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: PAT SULLIVAN, (TREASURER), TOM RAMOTOWSKI (CHAIR) STU HARDY, (VICE CHAIR), BONNIE KANE

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

GUESTS: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 23, 2008 meeting minutes were approved with no corrections needed.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The current balance remains at \$536.08.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Weetamoo Woods will have a ribbon cutting on Sunday October 26th to mark the new trails that have been added. The first 50 children to arrive will receive pumpkins.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Board is now official and is a stand alone board.

There is currently Sakonnet River proposal, a hydrokinetic energy project that will use wind energy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission membership: there is still a need for new members. The idea was brought up to combine the tree commission with the conservation committee since both are looking for new membership. This would mean a change in the charter which could take a while. Pat presented her letter for all of the regional newspapers.

Stu will be looking into the criteria for special use permits re: the sign ordinance and ones with flashing lights.

There is new membership in the Planning Board which is very positive.

OLD BUSINESS:

The commission is still not aware of any letter sent by the Town Council in support of the Eel Grass project. Chairman Ramotowski will pursue this matter.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Litter Prevention:

Pat reported the ongoing need for some to be responsible to oversee enforcement and prevention of litter.

The commission discussed the \$45,000 dollars received by the town of Tiverton for their recycling And there was discussion of how to make this number larger.

Planning Board: the commission is still unable to regularly attend Board meetings due to membership problems. Stuart Hardy has applied for one of the vacant positions on the board which could affect is status with the Conservation Commission.

Wetlands: Stu reported on the 52 acres for sale off of Bulgarmarsh Road and the lack of a current strategy for this land

Fogland: Tom reported that last meeting attendance was low but it has been noticed that the area seems to be much cleaner than in the past.

Development: Stu reported the status of the large scale Development Proposal. There is a lot of work going on at the Bourne Mill.

Landfill: The Recycling Committee has combined with the Landfill Committee and will join in effort to increase the recycling in Tiverton.

The meeting began at 7:05 P.M. and was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

These minutes were recorded by Bonnie Kane.